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SUBJECT: INITIAL SWISS REACTION TO US TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1973

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SUMMARY. LEADING SWISS TRADE OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF TRADE REFORM ACT AND ITS LIBERAL THRUST, BUT ARE CONCERNED OVER SOME OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN BILL AND POSSIBILITY THAT IT MIGHT BE AMENDED RESTRICTIVELY BY CONGRESS. PRESS EDITORIALIZING ON BILL LIGHT THUS FAR. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ON POSSIBILITY THAT PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF US COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW MIGHT PUT US IN VIOLATION OF GATT COMMITMENTS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS US TRADE BILL WITH LEADING SWISS OFFICIALS, IN PARTICULAR AMBASSADOR PAUL JOLLES, DIRECTOR OF TRADE DIVISION; AMBASSADOR
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RAYMOND PROBST WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LONG- RANGE TRADE PLANNING AND GATT ACTIVITIES; AND AMBASSADOR KLAUS JOCOBI WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR US- SWISS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. THEY ARE FEDERAL SWISS OFFICIALS MOST PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLY FOR SWISS FOREIGN TRADE POLICY AND US- SWISS TRADE. ALL HAVE SERVED IN SWISS EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH US SCENE.

2. NTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN CONTRAVENTION OF CHARTER OF THE LEBANESE/ ISRAELI ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND OF COUNCIL' S CEASE- FIRE RESS

3- URGES ISRAEL TO DESIST FORTHWITH FROM ALL MILITARY ATTACKS ON LEBANON

4- DECLARES THAT SUCH MILITARY ACTIONS CANNOT BE TOLERATED AND WARNS ISRAEL THAT IF SUCH ACTIONS WERE TO BE REPEATED, COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER FURTHER AND MORE EFFECTIVE STEPS OR MEASURES AS ENVISAGED IN CHARTER TO ENSURE AGAINST REPETITION OF SUCH ACTS.

4. UK MISOFF HAS STRESSED THAT NEITHER HIS MISSION NOR FRENCH IS AWARE HE HAS SHARED RES WITH US AND HAS RQUEUSTED FULL DISCRETION WITH ABOVE DRAFT UNTIL IT MORE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED.
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